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1. It is reported that 4,000 - 5,000 Russian troops were stationed in the "Fliegerhorst" of Brandis Airfield, equipped with tanks, reconnaissance cars, and trucks. About 4,000 of these troops were expected to leave with their vehicles about 6 - 7 April 1948.
2. Following this up, the observations below were made between 5 and 8 April 1948.
 - a. The requisitioned houses in Brandis have been returned to the population.
 - b. Although the "Fliegerhorst" itself is very well guarded, only two guards have been seen on the airfield.
 - c. The airfield revealed a large number of tank tracks with an approximate width between track centers (spurweite) of 2 m to 2.20 m.
 - d. During the night of 6/7 April 1948, a troop movement did in fact take place. The following column was seen on the road Machern-Borsdorf the morning of 7 April 1948, moving in a westerly direction. The column consisted of about 36 tanks, eighty-five armored cars, and eighty trucks.
 - e. Sixteen of the above tanks were definitely T-34's; the remainder were smaller and very maneuverable, but, judging according to the engine revolutions, not very fast.
 - f. The armored cars with a crew of two were new to the population. They were rather short with normal car-axle width (normale Auto Spurweite). See sketch below:

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Comment: It is presumably a BA-64).

3. [redacted] this column was destined for the "Dübener Heide", which is said to be a well-known training area belonging to Jüterbog barracks.
4. Half of the landing area of Brandis Airfield has been ploughed up. The bomb craters on the runways have been roughly filled in with debris.
5. The fuel dumps are being dismantled; one hangar has already been dismantled.

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